

**NATIONAL ACTIVE & RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES
FLOWERTOWN CHAPTER 1082
SUMMERVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA**

Minutes of meeting – April 18, 2022

The regular meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm. The meeting was held at our normal meeting location at the Dorchester Senior Center. Charlie Giavelle led us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Pat welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. There were 18 members and guests present. No one dialed in.

Marian Henry introduced our guest speaker, three representatives from Dyal Funeral Home who discussed a variety of issues relating to completed pre-arranged funeral services, wills, insurance and proper planning. James Dyal led the discussion with his staff also providing valuable information regarding end-of-life decisions. They all answered questions from the members.

Secretary Report – Position Vacant – Pat Whitely provided minutes of the March 2022 meeting. Joe Kohut made a motion to accept the March 2022 meeting minutes. Ken Coates seconded the motion. Pat announced corrections to minutes. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the members present.

President Report – Pat Whitely - Pat discussed the following items:

- Picnic for May meeting -
- Pat announced that registration is open for national conference, early registration last until May 15 after that fee increases.
- Pat stated that the May NARFE magazine will have candidate statements for those vying for National President and National Secretary Treasurer. Please read and then vote either on line or by mail – ballot will appear in July magazine.
- Social Security employees back in the office, so public can meet with SS representatives in person.
- Changes to be made soon to the OPM services on line website, more security layers to be added.

Treasurer's Report – John Pennella - The Treasurer's report as of March 31, 2022 is as follows: The checking account balance forwarded from February was \$ 4,056.03. Income received during the month of March totaled \$ 243.18 and expenses paid out during the month totaled \$60.95. There was one check outstanding at the end of the month in the amount of \$100.00. Total on hand in the chapter checking account as of March 31st was \$ 4,138.26. There remains \$5.00 in the share savings account.

Vice President for Membership – VP Joe Kohut stated that the current chapter membership is now 122 members, with 78 additional National South Carolina members giving South Carolina Flowertown Chapter a total of 200 members. We currently have 46 members with dues withholding, which is a 15% cost savings yearly. Dues are \$48.00 a year. Don't forget to share your magazines and flyers by placing them in community places such as libraries, doctor's offices, bulletin boards, etc. Remember what NARFE has done for all federal workers! NARFE has protected our benefits from freezes and secured larger market-based pay increases in 2019 and 2020. They are our

advocates. Without NARFE we would not have a voice.

Vice President for Programs – Marian Henry announced there will be no speaker for our May meeting as it is our last meeting until September, so we will socialize with each other at our picnic. She is working on a variety of speaker options for September.

Alzheimer’s’ Chairperson Report - Position Vacant – No updates this month regarding Alzheimer’s

Legislative Report: Ken Coates – discussed the following legislative topics of interest to NARFE members

. House Committee advanced two NARFE supported bills that would improve Federal employee death benefits and reform hiring process.

Information on the Secure Act 2.0 HR 2954 with bipartisan support relating to TSP contribution limits

Nothing new on WEP/GPO legislation. Other items listed in NARFE magazine

Newer scams now relate to text messages from your own phone, auto dealers’ discrimination, dealing with tornado/hurricane damage scams relating to help on repairs and lottery and contests

FTC refunded \$4.86 million to victims of abusive debt collections in 2021

Correspondence. NONE

Old Business. NONE

NEW Business. NONE

Unfinished Business. NONE.

Sunshine Report. no report.

Good of the Chapter and Announcements.

. Charlie Giavelli thanked the chapter members who donated to Boys State and provided a thank you letter. The next meeting date is May 16, 2022. Picnic – meal at 12:30 pm – short meeting at 1:30 pm. Virtual meeting access will be available for an indefinite period based on recent COVID issues.

Meeting adjourned at: 3.20 pm.

_____/signed/_____*Patricia Whitely*_____

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